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## COMMISSION MINUTES

**November 1-2, 2006**

Sutter Creek Days Inn  
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

### **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order on November 1, 2006 at 1:32 p.m. by Vice Chair Esquivel.

The pledge was led by Commissioner Lacayo.

Chair Lambrinos arrived at 1:40 p.m.

### **II. Roll Call, Determine Excused and Unexcused Absences, Establish Quorum**

**Commissioners Present:** Chuck Ayala, Ruth Braswell, Jim Davis, Celia Esquivel, Shannon Glavaz, Erica Goode, Joanna Kim-Selby, Hank Lacayo, Jorge Lambrinos, Richard Lundin, Sharon Monck, Cheryl Phillips, Andy Scharlach, Hav Staggs, Benny Yee

**Commissioners Absent:** Connie Chang, Lily Lee Chen, Karen Josephson, Jon Pynoos, Carlos Rodriguez, Tom Rowe, Leah Wyman

**Staff:** Fitzpatrick, Sewell

A quorum was established.

Chair Lambrinos thanked staff for their work on the morning's field hearing on rural healthcare delivery. The Commission concurred and discussed ways to keep future public hearings on schedule and to allow more opportunity for public comment.

### **III. Introductions**

New Commissioners Braswell, Monck and Staggs were introduced.

Commissioner Lacayo introduced Sarah Ludemann, Department of Aging, Public Information Officer.

#### **IV. Approve Agenda**

The November 1-2, 2006 agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Kim-Selby)

**TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 1 – 2, 2006 CCoA AGENDA.**

#### **V. Approve Minutes**

The Executive Committee Meeting minutes of August 1, 2006, September 14, 2006, and the Commission Meeting minutes of August 2, 2006 were reviewed.

M/S/C (Esquivel/Lacayo)

**TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2006 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2006, AND THE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2006.**

#### **VI. Public Comments**

None.

#### **VII. Overview of the Area 12 Agency on Aging, serving the counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne**

Linda Zach, Area 12 Area Agency on Aging Director introduced advisory council Chair Marnelle White and member Marge Depue, and Larry Bodifer, program manager for HICAP. Zach described the challenges of serving older adults over a large, mountainous five-county area. She emphasized the challenges created by geography and winter weather, the large percentage of retirees in the region, and the problems of access to specialty medical services.

White commented on the problems of provider retention and the need for better cooperation between the various county aging commissions. Area 12 was moving toward fiscal solvency through creation of a non-profit foundation, Seniors of the Motherlode.

#### **VIII. CCoA Chair's Report**

##### **A. Appointment of Nominating Committee**

Chair Lambrinos announced the appointments of Commissioner Lacayo as chairman and Commissioners Ayala and Wyman as members of the Nominating Committee.

**B. Appointment of Bylaws and Standing Rules Review Committee**

Chair Lambrinos announced the appointment of Commissioners Staggs, Esquivel, and Davis to the Bylaws and Standing Rules Review Committee; Commissioner Esquivel was appointed chair.

M/S/C (Glavaz/Scharlach)

**TO RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING AND THE BYLAWS/  
STANDING RULES REVIEW COMMITTEES.**

**IX. Executive Committee Meeting Reports**

**A. Executive Committee Meeting of September 14, 2006**

Chair Lambrinos reported on the Executive Committee teleconference meeting recommendations:

- To ratify support for S. 3677 (mobility equipment).
- To ratify the appointment of Jim Davis to the Executive Committee.
- To ratify CCoA's statement on behalf of the Senior Legal Hotline.
- To ratify the purchase of Workers Compensation Insurance from State Compensation Insurance Fund.

M/S/C (Ayala/Glavaz)  
[One abstention - Staggs]

**TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS OF SEPTEMBER 14,  
2006.**

**B. Executive Committee Meeting of October 31, 2006**

1. Proposed the CCoA committee structure for 2007.

The Executive Committee discussed a proposed committee structure. Staff was directed to bring a final version back to the Committee, and full Commission, in December.

2. Elder Justice Centers.

The topic of elder justice centers was discussed at the suggestion of Commissioner Ayala.

M/S/C (Davis/Lacayo)

**THAT THE CCOA ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF ELDER JUSTICE CENTER  
DEVELOPMENT IN CALIFORNIA.**

3. Ethics Training

The Executive Committee recommended that current commissioners comply with a state-mandated ethics training requirement by January 1, 2007, and a proof of successful completion of the course to be sent to the CCoA office. The Committee recommended that information on ethics training be included in new commissioner orientation sessions requiring new members to comply within 90 days. Staff was directed to send out information on the on-line ethics training course.

M/S/C (LACAYO/Kim-Selby)

**THAT THE CCOA ADOPT A PRACTICE OF ETHICS TRAINING, CONSISTENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE, INCLUDING BIENNIAL TRAINING OF ALL CURRENT COMMISSIONERS, INCLUSION OF ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENT IN NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION AND REQUIRING NEW COMMISSIONERS TO COMPLETE THE ON-LINE COURSE WITHIN 90 DAYS.**

4. February 2007 Field Hearing Topic Selection

The Executive Committee recommended amending the 2007 hearing schedule to include a hearing on veterans' issues in conjunction with the February 2007 meeting.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Lundin)

**TO CHANGE THE FEBRUARY 2007 FIELD HEARING TOPIC TO VETERANS' HEALTHCARE AND REVISE THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.**

5. Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability

Sewell reported that the CCoA and other aging advocates testified in support of greater prevention and early intervention funding for older adults at a hearing of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). The MHSOAC's final decision placed an emphasis on programs serving ages 0-25. The Committee recommended that the CCoA send a letter expressing objections to the funding decision.

M/S/C (Phillips/Esquivel)

**THAT THE CCOA SEND A LETTER TO THE MHSOAC EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THEIR ACTION RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FUNDING CATEGORY.**

## **X. Executive Director Report – Fitzpatrick**

### **A. Activities Summary**

1. Fitzpatrick reported on staff attendance at a briefing on U.C. Berkeley's "Hospital to Home" Project.
2. Scholarship funding was received for the post-WHCoA event. Several CCoA Commissioners agreed to facilitate. 45 individuals had registered by 10/31.
3. Fitzpatrick reported on the release of part three of Assembly Member Patty Berg's Master Plan on Aging, "Building an Aging Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Berg has been invited to the CCoA's December meeting to discuss the plan and her vision of CCoA advocacy.
4. In general activities, the CCoA's Worker's Compensation Policy purchase was complete. Staff had participated in a stakeholder meeting on California's Long Term Care strategy and in a meeting of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Recent Governor's Office activities that focused on seniors included a telephone legislative briefing and a seniors advocates meeting attended by Fitzpatrick.

Commissioner Davis proposed that the CCoA write to Assembly Member Berg to express enthusiasm about her plan on aging and thanking her for agreeing to speak at the December meeting.

M/S/C (Davis/Lacayo)  
[One abstention – Esquivel]

### **TO SEND A LETTER TO ASSEMBLY MEMBER BERG ACKNOWLEDGING HER ADVOCACY EFFORTS.**

### **B. Financial Statements through June 30, 2006**

Fitzpatrick noted that the Financial Statement through June 30, 2006 (Final), would be revised due to the miscoding of a \$7,000 amount.

### **C. Financial Statements through September 2006**

Fitzpatrick reported that the Financial Statement through September 2006 does not reflect recent budget adjustments from payroll and mileage increase.

### **D. Student Intern**

Fitzpatrick reported that the student intern had completed her work on the LRSPA.

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Status of bills positioned by the CCoA**

Sewell reported on bills signed and vetoed by the Governor. She reported that the Older Americans Act reauthorization was on the President's desk.

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006**

### **Public Comment**

Anne Platt, CEO of Sutter-Amador Hospital, described the problem of hiring and retaining physicians in rural areas. She suggested that California follow the example of Colorado, where a corporate regulatory change allows hospitals to employ physicians, providing the necessary administrative support and other benefits to make rural practice profitable.

## **XII. New Business**

### **A. Announcement regarding Mental Health Field Hearing**

Fitzpatrick reported that Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission will send a commissioner to the field hearing on Mental Health Services Act in Pasadena.

### **B. Correspondence**

1. Fitzpatrick reported on California Department of Aging's receipt of a federal grant, "Empowering Older People to Take More Control of their Health through Evidence Based Prevention," which will target Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, San Diego and Sonoma counties.
2. A thank you note was received from retired Commissioner Brenda Ross.

### **C. California Aging Opportunity: A Plan to Mobilize Older Californians for Community Services**

California Service Corps (CSC) Commissioner Alex Reid and Deputy Director David Muraki, described CSC's plan to increase volunteer rates in older adults and discussed ways that the CCoA could partner with the Corps in plan implementation. The group brainstormed various ways to reach and mobilize senior volunteers.

### **XIII. Commissioner Reports**

**Ayala** thanked the CCoA for support for his Good Neighbor award application; \$10,000 goes to his community center.

**Kim-Selby** reported on delivery of flu vaccines for her faith-based program.

**Esquivel** reported on the elder safehouse under construction in Sacramento, which is the first of its kind in the west.

**Staggs** expressed appreciation for CCoA's support for the Seniors of the Motherlode fundraiser the previous evening.

**Lambrinos** thanked Staggs and staff for the successful meeting planning.

**Scharlach** reported working on a livable communities project and social work curriculum.

**Goode** announced plans to retire in 2007 and reported on her work to start a cradle-to-grave approval for health programs.

**Lundin** reported working with Fitzpatrick on the February meeting.

**Braswell** expressed interest in promoting physician's assistants with telemedicine supervision.

**Glavaz** reported coordinating volunteer nurses to provide flu shots for her area's homebound population.

**Monck** reported assuming a new job and elected to the California Senior Legislature's Joint Rules Committee chair.

### **XIV. Next Meetings: December 6-7, 2006, in Pasadena and February 7-8, 2007, in Napa**

### **XV. Adjourn**

Chair Lambrinos adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.